

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2001

Agency: Richmond Heights Police Dept.

Population: 7,984

age 16 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	2841	1764	929	33	74	6	35
Searches	329	91	231	3	3	0	1
Arrests	129	33	93	2	1	0	0
Statewide population %	N/A	85.24	10.25	1.85	1.17	0.41	1.08
Local population %	N/A	81.22	12.58	1.64	3.27	0.20	1.09
Disparity index	N/A	0.76	2.60	0.71	0.80	1.05	1.13
Search rate	11.58	5.16	24.87	9.09	4.05	0.00	2.86
Contraband hit rate	9.73	10.99	9.52	0.00	0.00	#Error	0.00
Arrest rate	4.54	1.87	10.01	6.06	1.35	0.00	0.00

Notes: Population figures are from the 2000 Census for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

Disparity index = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

Contraband hit rate = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

TRAFFIC STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Violation leading to stop	Moving	1952	1409	422	22	64	6	29
	Equipment	193	71	115	4	1	0	2
	License	796	320	450	12	9	0	5
Stop outcome	Citation	1579	986	511	14	49	4	15
	Warning	1266	781	418	19	26	2	20
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	300	155	129	3	8	0	5
	US hwy	136	88	40	2	5	0	1
	State hwy	31	20	9	0	2	0	0
	County road	1327	825	421	18	34	6	23
	City street	1022	669	312	10	25	0	6
	Other	25	7	18	0	0	0	0
Driver gender	Male	1775	1032	649	19	49	4	22
	Female	1066	732	280	14	25	5	13
Driver age	17 and under	110	85	22	0	2	0	1
	18-29	1336	756	505	18	33	5	19
	30-39	599	369	197	6	21	1	5
	40 and over	796	554	205	9	18	0	10

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	245	69	171	2	2	0	1
	Inventory	26	6	19	1	0	0	0
	Drug/alcohol odor	43	20	22	0	1	0	0
	Incident to arrest	120	29	88	1	2	0	0
	Plain view contraband	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Drug-dog alert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	15	5	10	0	0	0	0
What searched	Driver	306	84	215	3	3	0	1
	Car/property	311	88	219	2	2	0	0
Search duration	0-15 minutes	275	81	187	3	3	0	1
	16-30 minutes	54	10	44	0	0	0	0
	31+ minutes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	25	9	16	0	0	0	0
	Currency	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Weapon	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Stolen property	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
	Other	4	1	3	0	0	0	0
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	87	15	71	1	0	0	0
	Drug violation	15	6	9	0	0	0	0
	Resist arrest	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	DWI/BAC	12	10	1	0	1	0	0
	Property offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	15	2	13	0	0	0	0

Agency response

The city of Richmond Heights is a 2.8 sq. mile city located on the western boundary of the city of St. Louis. I-64 (Hwy. 40) runs directly through the city, with I-170 running north from I-64. Located in the city is the Galleria shopping mall, which generates approximately 10 million visitors annually. Richmond Heights has numerous office buildings, including the 23-story University Club Towers. Richmond Heights also borders Clayton, the county seat for St. Louis County. Thousands of vehicles travel through Richmond Heights on a daily basis due to its geographic location. The RHPD was concerned about the disparate rates of searches for blacks vs. whites. An initial review of the numbers shows that 24.87% of all black motorists stopped were searched, compared to only 5.16% of the white motorists stopped. Upon further review, we found a disparate rate of outstanding warrants. (When an officer finds an outstanding warrant, the officer is required to affect an arrest and thus search the motorist as a matter of standard police policy.) It was found that 7.64% of all black motorists stopped had an outstanding warrant, accounting for 30.7% (71 of 231) of all searches of black motorists. For white motorists stopped, less than 1% (.85) had an outstanding warrant, accounting for 16.5% (15 of 91) of all searches of white motorists.